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Van Pinion is Afghanistan Engineer District-South's Bulldog of the Week

KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan — Bulldogs are dependable and earn everyone's respect. Van Pinion, the South District's contracting office post-award construction branch chief, has earned the esteem of his colleagues for dedication and know-how.

"His expertise and highly proficient skill sets made him the perfect choice to lead the post-award construction branch," said Bonnie B. Perry, district contracting office chief. "His integrity and personal courage are to be commended."

He led his branch in extremely difficult and controversial post-award actions, she said.

"Van is a great example of selfless service. He lives the Army's Civilian Corps values, most notably, honor," said South District Commander Air Force Col. Benjamin Wham. "Van embodies Corps of Engineers values in every way. I am proud to have him as part of the South District Team."

Pinion deployed to Afghanistan from the Huntsville District, Engineering and Support Center in Huntsville, Ala.



Afghanistan Engineer District- South contracting office post-award branch chief, Van Pinion, receives the coveted Bulldog from Air Force Col. Ben Wham, South District commander, March 30. Pinion earned Bulldog of the week honors for his integrity, honorable service and proficiency (USACE Photo)

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USACE's Afghanistan Engineer District-South provides design and construction services throughout southern Afghanistan to support the International Security Assistance Force and U.S. Forces-Afghanistan. The work is carried out in Regional Commands South, Southwest and West with the goal of achieving counterinsurgency effects and bolstering the Afghan Government's services to its people.

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